

MILPITAS AND TRAUMA SERVICE

MILPITAS AND THE COUNTY TRAUMA SYSTEM

- The most serious and life threatening medical conditions and emergencies are treated in specially designated trauma centers. To ensure the health and safety of trauma patients from Milpitas, these patients should be taken to the closest or easiest to get to trauma center. Since November 2004, this has not been the case.
- Starting in November 2004 the County has been operating with two trauma centers. To keep the County's two trauma centers open, the County set up "catchment zones." These "zones" divide the County into two regions. Trauma patients from one "zone" are taken to Stanford Medical Center and patients from the other "zone" to Valley Medical Center. (See attached PowerPoint presentation made by County staff.)
- Under this "catchment zone" policy, Milpitas is divided in half by 237/Calaveras Boulevard. North of this dividing line, trauma patients are transported to Stanford Medical Center and south of this dividing line, patients are transported to Valley Medical Center.

COUNTY TRAUMA SYSTEM BACKGROUND

- For twenty years, our County has had three trauma centers, and these three trauma centers served the community well.
 - With three centers, the Santa Clara County trauma system is at the state average – each trauma center serving about 700,000 people in the region. With two trauma centers, the County system drops to the bottom – each center serving over a million people.
- In late 2004, San Jose Medical Center, home to one of the County's three trauma centers, closed. The trauma team from San Jose Medical Center moved to Regional Medical Center and is currently seeking trauma center designation from the County of Santa Clara.
- Regional Medical Center is prepared to launch their trauma center at no cost to taxpayers.

MILPITAS AND REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER'S TRAUMA CENTER

- A trauma center at Regional Medical Center's (formerly Alexian Brothers) would be the closest trauma center to Milpitas, serving residents quickly and conveniently during the most life-threatening medical emergencies or traumas.
- Regional Medical Center has met all the stringent requirements outlined by the County for trauma center designation, including having 24-hour per day 7-days per week specialized surgeons, doctors, nurses, and other staff, as well as providing special training to hospital staff.
- Regional Medical Center is currently waiting designation from the County Board of Supervisors to open their trauma center.

ACTION

- The City of Milpitas officially asks the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors to promptly designate Regional Medical Center's trauma center.



VMC Catchment Zone

- ◆ South of DeAnza in the City of Cupertino.
- ◆ South of Sunnyvale/Saratoga and East Remington/Fair Oaks in Sunnyvale.
- ◆ South of 237/Calaveras in the City of Milpitas/unincorporated areas.



Stanford Catchment Zone

- ◆ Northern County Line to the Bay
- ◆ DeAnza divides Cupertino
- ◆ Sunnyvale/Saratoga and East Remington/Fair Oaks divides Sunnyvale
- ◆ North of 237/Calaveras in the City of Milpitas/unincorporated areas
- ◆ Air traffic (some exceptions)